PRESIDENT: He comes in as an elected member. Under the law has been declared elected and notified as an elected member and swears as an elected member.

(32) Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai*) was then sworn in The following members were then sworn in:

(33) Mr. M. P. Madhavan Pillai; (34) Mr. M. Mahomed Mustaha; (35) Mr. P. S. Mahomed; (36) Mr. A. Narayana Pillai; (37) Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar; (38) Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai; (39) Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar; (40) Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai; (41) Dr. K. Raman Tampi; (42) Mr. Rama Varma Raja; (43) Mr. R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai: (44) Mr. N. A. Sundaram Pillai; (45) Mr. A. Thanu Pillai; (46) Mr. O. M. Thomas; (47) Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad; (48) Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai; and (49) Mr. J. S. Westerdale.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, since no questions are to be asked and answered at this stage, I beg leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House.

(He then presented a written statement of the subject matter of the motion to the President.)

DEWAN'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

PRESIDENT: Members of the Legislative Council, under command of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent I have very great pleasure in welcoming you. I am glad to see among you some old, familiar faces, because that induces immediately a sentiment of comradeship in our minds based upon the memory of good work done together.

This is the Fourth Council constituted under Regulation II of 1097. The life of this Council so constituted has been short because it has functioned for nine years only. There has not, it may be said, been time enough for traditions to be established, as traditions take long to take root and grow. But within this short time this Council has established sound and healthy conventions and has earned for itself a reputation for level-headedness and for earnest devotion to duty; that is to say, an earnest endeavour to get work in the interests of the State done. With brotherly co-operation and working together in the spirit of the oath which we have all just taken, I am sure, that this Council will be able to maintain and enhance its reputation and to achieve much in the interests and for the benefit of the State.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Mr. President, it is customary on an occasion like this –

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I rise to a point of order. I wish to submit that a ruling on the adjournment motion has to be given before we proceed.

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PRESIDENT: I will deal with that, Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) A ruling has to be given as soon as a motion is submitted.

PRESIDENT: I will deal with that, Mr. Asan, please wait.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): As I said, it is customary on an occasion like this for the Deputy President to say a few words in response to the welcome.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, I wish to know whether Mr. Krishna Aiyangar speaks on behalf of the elected section of this Council. If so, I want to mark my dissent and say that he is not authorised to represent the elected section and that we do not want to have ourselves represented by a nominated member. I want to make myself absolutely clear on that point.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): I am not in the least anxious to represent anybody except myself; and if it is a question which involves constitutional principles on which we may take different views, I should certainly not be before the House laying down my views as the views of my friends. We are all here, each of us, endeavouring to do his duty with the best of intentions without questioning the *bona fides* of every other. The duty which I propose to discharge is one in which I am sure all of us are agreed, and that is, to convey our respectful thanks to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent who has instructed the President to give us a cordial welcome. I trust on that position there should not be, and there will not be, any difference of opinion. It certainly, Sir, is very complimentary to the House to be told that during the short period of its existence it has established conventions and traditions which will fit the House to discharge its duty even more effectively than it has done in the past. I merely join with you, Sir, in expressing the hope that it may be realised during the life time of the present Council as well.

Once more thanking you on behalf of myself and others, excepting my friend who is seated close by, I request you to convey to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent our respectful feelings of homage and thankfulness for the spirit in which the message has been communicated to us through you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai has put into my hands a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House. As all of you must have known by a look at the agenda, this is not a meeting which has any business before it. It is merely a formal meeting where members take their oath and begin to sit as members of the Council. As there is no business before the meeting to be done, there is no scope for a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House, and I therefore rule that this motion is out of order.

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[President.]

The non-official members of the House will now proceed under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President to elect three members to the Finance Committee to be constituted under the G. O. that has been issued.

The House will now stand adjourned.

The Council adjourned *sine die* at 12·45 P. M.

P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI,

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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